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Director's Corner

Greetings LSP family,

The **24th Annual Keels and Wheels** celebration was last weekend. Despite the down pour on Friday night, we had great weather on Saturday and Sunday.

There were 11 Packards this year and seven of them were from our club. A big thank you goes to those who displayed their Packard for this very worthy activity. We also had members displaying cars other than Packards. **Jay and Mary Matthews** showed a 1917 Chevrolet, **Richard & Irina Mitchell** showed their '30 Packard, a '31 LaSalle, '31 Rolls Royce, and five Stutz, **Jeff Pate** with a highly customized Chevrolet his Classic Cars of Houston restored.

Over the years, Keels and Wheels have contributed more than a million dollars to charity. Much of that has gone to the former Boy's Harbor now known as [Today's Harbor for Children](#). As you know, K&W is one of our community service events each year.

Awards

Dan Grilli won Best in Class with his '48 Super 8. Our '55 Clipper won the silver award, 2nd place in the class. My '47 won a ribbon awarded by the youth judges from Hagerty. It was fun explaining to them the difference between a straight 8 and a v8. I appreciate Hagerty establishing this program to foster interest in classic cars by the younger generation. Our friend Angelica Brothers, who spoke at one of our meetings, was the sponsor of this group. **Richard Mitchell won 1st place for one of his Stutz.**

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Seen on the Scene

Some of our members who did not bring a car, but stopped by to say hello and give us their support were: **Jerry Ehrman, Robert Quinn, Tom Drisdale, Dan Becker, and Mike Grimes.**

Lenny and Paula Holzband came Sunday. They were scheduled to bring their '41 Packard, but the stormy weather on Friday prevented them from exhibiting.

It was interesting to learn that **Mike Grimes** is now working in West Lafayette, Indiana and has dual membership in our club and the Wabash Valley Packards. Mike was also with **George Holinga**, a National Board Member, who brought his 1947 Packard which was Al Capone's last car.

Potential New Members

Ben met two guests at K&W visiting the Packard section and they expressed an interest in joining LSP.

Ed Fleming has already purchased a beautiful 1939 Packard Convertible Roadster.

The other is **Robert Taylor** who is interested in finding a Packard and looking to our club for more information.

Both have been sent a membership application and we are looking forward to them joining our group.

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KEELS & WHEELS PICTURES



Anthony & Tommy with Silver Award for '55 & Tommy with 3rd place ribbon from Hagerty for his '47, Dan Grilli with his trophy for first place – Best in Class!

CONGRATULATIONS!!



Timmins '34 Convertible.
< & Lortz '53 Convertible >



Dan Grilli's '48 Super 8 - **Best in Class!**



Richard Mitchell's '30 Roadster

More pictures on page 3



George Holinga as Al Capone - with gun



George Holinga & Mike Grimes



Evelyn – hardest working woman at K&W



Jay & Tommy - Just two guys talking cars



Jay Matthews 1917 Chevrolet



Vivian & John Lortz – just chillin'



Chris Baccaro & Gianna with 2nd Place Trophy



Under the trees at Lakewood Yacht Club

Awards Continued

Jay Matthews won the Tom Timmins Memorial Award presented by Evelyn for all the work he has done on his 1917 Chevrolet. *Picture not available at this time, but will share in another publication.*

Future Meetings

We do not have an exact date and place for the June meeting but **Asst. Director John Lortz** is working on something for the 3rd weekend on the north side. Perhaps, we will go back to the *Potatoe Patch Cafe* where we have met before. More details to follow.

Dan Becker is working with Dr. Williams to get us the opportunity to see his collection, possibly in July or August. This is the collection in League City that I have mentioned before. Dr. Williams is working on one particular car and when completed he will try to have an open house. Dan will keep us posted.

Be thinking about a fall tour. While visiting at Keels and Wheels, several of us thought about a visit to the Bush Museum and burial site in College Station. If you have other thoughts, please share.

Salado Update

Over the weekend, I met two different out of state guys who were in attendance at Salado. They both said they were glad to have been back in Salado.

Speaking of Salado, I am already working on it and just signed the contracts for the hotel this week. Once again, I encourage you to make your reservations early. If we reserve as many rooms as we did this year, there will be no charge for the meeting rooms we use. The room rates are the same as this year, but to get this rate you must call them direct and not the national reservation line. The number is **254- 947- 4004**.

Since this was our first year back to Salado for the Texas Packard Meet, we learned a lot and are developing a few changes to make next year's TPM even better.

In Conclusion

In a very short time southeast Texas weather will hit the 90's and not too long after that we may hit the triple digit mark a few times

Drive your Packard when you can but we are so spread out that 50 and 60 miles to a meeting site are not unusual. Since only a couple of member cars have air conditioning, we understand if you bring your daily driver during these months.

Happy Packarding..... Tommy



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

May Birthdays

Vivian Lortz	4
Chris Baccaro	7
John Lortz II	8
Mike Hoffman	9
Dan Grilli	22
Jamie Baccaro	22
Carole Coghill	30

Words to Share on Mother's Day

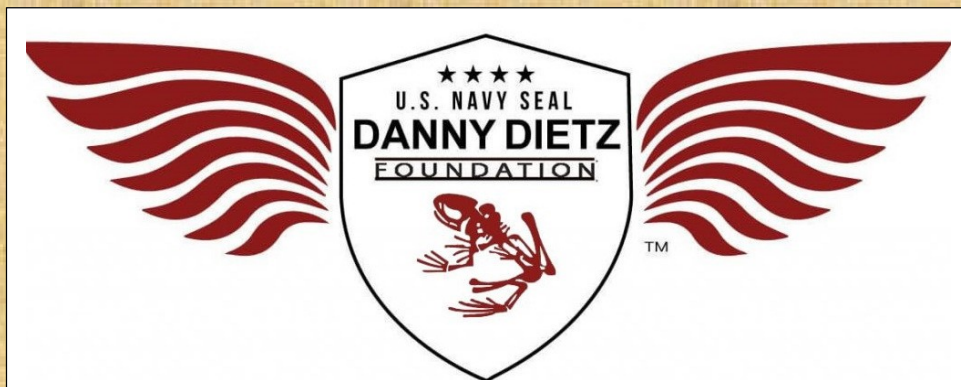
- ❖ **Mark Twain:** "My mother had a great deal of trouble with me, but I think she enjoyed it."
- ❖ **Diana, Princess of Wales:** "A mother's arms are more comforting than anyone else's."
- ❖ **Joan Rivers:** "My mother could make anybody feel guilty – she used to get letters of apology from people she didn't even know."

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 12th





MEMORIAL DAY IS MONDAY MAY, 27



6th ANNUAL US NAVY SEAL DANNY DIETZ MEMORIAL CLASSIC SHOW

Benefitting The Navy Seal Danny Dietz Foundation a 501c non-profit organization Tax ID@47-5278378

ANNUAL OPEN CAR SHOW - ALL MAKES, MODELS - CAR CLUBS WELCOME

Entry Donation: \$30 Pre-Registered (Pay \$ at Event) \$35 Drive-up

Contact: Tom Koppa - TOMSCARGUYS@YAHOO.COM 281-652-6233

REGISTER NOW AT: WWW.CARSHOWFUN.COM

(Scroll to Danny Dietz Show & Pre-Register - no payment required now)

Gates open @ 10 am - Car entries begin @ 10 am - Awards presented @ 4 pm

Saturday, May 25 from 12pm-5pm

Ft. Bend County Fairgrounds - 4310 Hwy 36 South, Rosenberg, TX.

There will be 23 categories and 75 awards! Food Trucks & FREE t-shirt to first 250 entries.

2019 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS & EVENTS

JANUARY 19 – Hemi Hideout/Texas Traditions – hosted by Ron & Patricia Orr

FEBRUARY 17 – Red River BBQ – League City – hosted by Tommy, Carol & Anthony Baccaro

MARCH – Cancelled – getting ready for Salado

APRIL 4, 5, 6, 7 – Texas Packard Meet – Salado, TX

MAY 4-5 - Keels & Wheels – Lakewood Yacht Club, Seabrook, TX & Danny Dietz Foundation Car Show

JUNE - TBA

JULY – 54th PAC National Meet in West Lafayette, Indiana hosted by Wabash Valley Packards

AUGUST - TBA

SEPTEMBER - TBA

OCTOBER – TBA

NOVEMBER - TBA

DECEMBER – TBA

If you would like to organize one of our monthly meetings or plan a tour, contact Chris Baccaro

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ASK THE MAN WHO OWNS ONE

Note: Anyone that has not paid their 2019 dues by now will be omitted from the email distribution list and membership roster. To stay in touch, send in your \$10 dues for 2019.

An updated Membership Roster will be distributed later this month. If you have corrections email Ben.carter47@yahoo.com.

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